

1. A method of making a one-piece, unitary lid for a casket comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a
5 rim and a header;

providing settable material from which to mold the lid;

molding the settable material with the tooling; and

10 permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header.

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2. The method of claim 1 further including molding, with the tooling, a pattern into the settable material.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein the pattern
5 simulates wood grain.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein the wood
grain pattern applied to the settable material of the
crown on one side of a longitudinal axis of symmetry of
the lid is continuous with the wood grain pattern
10 applied to the settable material of the crown on the
other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the
lid, when viewed rotated 180° about an axis
perpendicular to the plane defined by the lid, located
medially of the transverse extent of the lid and
15 coinciding with the header end edge of the lid.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein the wood
grain pattern applied to the settable material of the
crown on one side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry
of the lid is that of a portion of the length of a
20 plurality of full length boards, and the wood grain
pattern applied to the settable material of the crown
on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry

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of the lid is that of the remaining portion of the length of the plurality of full length boards.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the settable material is comprised of wood chips and
5 binder.

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7. A method of making a one-piece, unitary lid for a casket comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a
5 rim and a header, the tooling having a male portion and a female portion;

providing settable material from which to mold the lid;

10 applying the settable material onto one of the male and female portions of the tooling;

molding the settable material by compressing the settable material between the male and female portions of the tooling; and

15 permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header.

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8. The method of claim 7 wherein the settable material is applied onto the male portion of the tooling.

9. The method of claim 7 wherein the female portion of the tooling includes a pattern formed therein which, when the settable material is compressed between the male and female portions of the tooling, transmits the pattern into the settable material.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the pattern simulates wood grain.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on one side of a longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is continuous with the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid, when viewed rotated 180° about an axis perpendicular to the plane defined by the lid, located medially of the transverse extent of the lid and coinciding with the header end edge of the lid.

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12. The method of claim 11 wherein the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on one side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is that of a portion of the length of a plurality of full length boards, and the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is that of the remaining portion of the length of the plurality of full length boards.

10 13. The method of claim 7 further including applying resin impregnated tissue paper onto the settable material after the settable material has been applied to one of the male and female portions of the tooling and then compressing the settable material between the male and female portions of the tooling.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the female portion of the tooling includes a pattern formed therein which, when the settable material and resin impregnated tissue paper is compressed between the male and female portions of the tooling, transmits the pattern into the settable material, the resin impregnated tissue paper forming an outer skin of the casket lid which conforms to the pattern.

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15. The method of claim 14 wherein the pattern simulates wood grain.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on one side of a longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is continuous with the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid, when viewed rotated 180° about an axis
5. perpendicular to the plane defined by the lid, located medially of the transverse extent of the lid and coinciding with the header end edge of the lid.
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17. The method of claim 16 wherein the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on one side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is that of a portion of the length of a plurality of full length boards, and the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is that of the remaining portion of the length of the plurality of full length boards.
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18. The method of claim 7 wherein the settable material is comprised of wood chips and binder.

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19. A one-piece, unitary lid for a casket
made according to the method of claim 1.

20. A one-piece, unitary lid for a casket
made according to the method of claim 7.

Sub A² → 21. A casket lid comprising:
a crown;
a pie at one end of said crown, said crown
and pie together comprising a cover having a pair of
5 sides and a pair of ends;
a header at one of said ends of said cover
opposite from said pie; and
a side rim member at each of said pair of
cover sides and an end rim member at the other of said
10 cover ends;
said crown, pie, rim members and header being
molded as a one-piece, unitary structure.

22. The casket lid of claim 21 wherein said lid is molded from a settable material of wood chips and binder.

5 23. The casket lid of claim 21 wherein said crown, pie, rim members and header include a wood grain pattern formed therein.

10 24. The casket lid of claim 23 wherein said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on one side of a longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is continuous with said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid, when viewed rotated 180° about an axis perpendicular to the plane defined by said lid, located medially of the transverse extent of said lid and coinciding with said header end edge of said lid.

15 25. The casket lid of claim 24 wherein said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on one side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is that of a portion of the length of a plurality of full length boards and said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is that of the remaining

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portion of the length of the plurality of full length boards.

26. The casket lid of claim 23 further including resin impregnated tissue paper applied to the
5 crown, pie, rim members and header which conforms to said wood grain pattern.

27. The casket lid of claim 26 wherein said
wood grain pattern formed in said crown on one side of
10 a longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is
continuous with said wood grain pattern formed in said
crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of
symmetry of said lid, when viewed rotated 180° about an
axis perpendicular to the plane defined by said lid,
located medially of the transverse extent of said lid
15 and coinciding with said header end edge of said lid.

28. The casket lid of claim 27 wherein said
wood grain pattern formed in said crown on one side of
the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is that
of a portion of the length of a plurality of full
20 length boards and said wood grain pattern formed in
said crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis
of symmetry of said lid is that of the remaining

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portion of the length of the plurality of full length boards.

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29. A casket lid comprising a crown having opposed end edges, said crown having a wood grain pattern formed therein, wherein said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on one side of a longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is continuous with said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid, when viewed rotated 180° about an axis perpendicular to the plane defined by said lid, located medially of the transverse extent of said lid and coinciding with said header end edge of said lid.

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30. The casket lid of claim 29 wherein said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on one side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is that of a portion of the length of a plurality of full length boards and said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is that of the remaining portion of the length of the plurality of full length boards.

10 31. The casket lid of claim 29 wherein said crown is molded from a settable material of wood chips and binder.

15 32. The casket lid of claim 29 further including resin impregnated tissue paper applied to the crown which conforms to said wood grain pattern.

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33. A method of making a one-piece, unitary lid for a casket comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie and
5 a rim;

providing settable material from which to mold the lid;

molding the settable material with the tooling; and

10 permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie and a rim.

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34. A method of making a one-piece, unitary lid for a casket comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie and
5 a rim, the tooling having a male portion and a female portion;

providing settable material from which to mold the lid;

10 applying the settable material onto one of the male and female portions of the tooling;

molding the settable material by compressing the settable material between the male and female portions of the tooling; and

15 permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie and a rim.

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35. A casket lid comprising:

a crown;

a pie at one end of said crown, said crown
and pie together comprising a cover having a pair of
5 sides and a pair of ends; and

- a side rim member at each of said pair of
cover sides and an end rim member at the other of said
cover ends;

10 said crown, pie and rim members being molded
as a one-piece, unitary structure.